

CAMBERLEY BRIDGE CLUB

FEB17 NEWSLETTER (002)

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Hi all and welcome to the Camberley Bridge Club Newsletter!

Your committee is committed to keeping this wonderful Bridge Club thriving, providing a fun and competitive environment to play cards, socialise, and form pairings and teams for competitions.

We try to work closely with the Cricket club in the hope that they will respond to our needs, and they are committed to making the pavilion a comfortable building – to this end, they have replaced the lift, have redecorated, fixed lights, and kept the car park safe and secure.

The new Competition season has now started and these can be tracked via the Competitions menu on the website – good luck to you all!

Best wishes,

Geoff Williams

DIARY DATES

The club calendar is now live for 2017, dates to note in February:

9	Thu	Thursday Championship - 2 of 10
16	Thu	Surrey Sim Pairs (Charity donation of £2 for The Brigitte Trust)
17	Fri	Surrey Sim Pairs (Charity donation of £2 for The Brigitte Trust)
27	Mon	Monday Championship - 2 of 10

HOST SYSTEM

As agreed at the AGM on 31st October, a Hosting System has been implemented on a trial basis and commenced on Friday 6th January.

This has proved to be a positive venture with a host at many of the three weekly bridge sessions. Although a host was not always needed and had to go home, on many occasions a successful partnership was arranged and a single player was able to enjoy an evening's bridge.

We are now looking for other bridge members to volunteer as hosts. A host does not pay for the bridge session although the downside may be that the host has to return home without playing.

Each member need only volunteer once or twice a year. This gives the opportunity for a single member to come to the club knowing that they can play. It also means that a visitor to the area can come to the club knowing that a partner is not needed.

The Host calendar is on the website so it is always clear when a host is available.

If you feel that you could volunteer to be a host, please approach one of the club committee members at a bridge session, or the director, or simply put your name down on the Host calendar.

It is important that we raise the profile of the club and encourage members to come to as many sessions as possible, as well as encouraging new members, if we want a successful club.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Following on from Rodger Hughes' last email, we are now delighted to report that he is making great progress and plans to come back to the club in March – looking forward to having you back Rodger!!!

Simon Oldham has recently had a series of treatments and culminated in a major Op, I am pleased to report that this has gone well and, although some discomfort and pain, Simon hopes to be back towards the end of Feb – all the best Simon!!!

FIRE ALARM FAULT

On Monday 6th Feb, the fire alarm went off in error. This was not planned and was not a drill.

Although all members did evacuate (despite the cold and rain) it was noted that some did not leave quickly or willingly and some went back for coats and personal items.

If the fire alarm does go off, it is essential to evacuate quickly and safely via the outside stairs and convene on or near the pitch

It was noted that the lighting was not sufficient and this is to be addressed with the Cricket Club (along with the reason for the fault !!!)

It was also disappointing that we had to contact the Fire Brigade who decided to send us back in the building to confirm there was no fire rather than coming themselves.

The chance of a drill (or need for one at least every two years) was discussed at our last committee meeting and a draft policy and guidance is being worked on and will be published soon.

EGM – RESTATED ACCOUNTS

On the 20th Feb17 CBC will hold an EGM before bridge at 7pm. This is just to issue the re-stated accounts and answer any questions you may have. The accounts had a few items recorded in the wrong year (mainly one large item causing the difference). This means that we made a small profit last season instead of a small loss.

MATCH REPORT FROM JANE GREEN

Lady Rose – The 2 CBC teams met in the quarter finals and Jane Green's team triumphed in a competitive match. Ian Lewis' team got the better of them on a number of boards but the result was never really in doubt – let's hope CBC go on to lift the Surrey trophy! Jane's team's reward is to meet last year's winners in the semi-final.

Bracknell League - Last year we had three teams in the league. The A team was relegated, unsurprisingly as their team suffered from players with health problems and one moved away. The Old B team has taken their place and is playing in the second division. The old C team was promoted and has become the new B team in the third division. Penny Moody, one of our Friday players) has formed a new C team and we wish them success as our new C team in division 4, current standings:

A Team – 4th averaging 9.13 points

B Team – 6th averaging 5.86 (but had a good win against a strong Ascot team)

C Team – 7th with 5.67 (but 2 convincing wins against local rivals YHBC)

NICKO - Ian Lewis's team (Ian, Simon Oldham, Julie Kennedy and Richard Sheridan) have progressed to round 2 in the plate and next match is in March.

Surrey League –

- Division 1 team captained by Jane Green had a slow start but now coming to life, 7th 5.33
- Division 2 team captained by Ian Lewis currently unbeaten, 1st 16.00
- Division 2 team captained by Trevor Hobson, 3rd with 2 out of 3 wins, 10.00.
- Division 2 team captained by Alan Coales, 2nd 12.00
- Division 3 team captained by Geoff Williams, 4th 8.00 (only played 1 match)

Home Counties League – Camberley has members in both Surrey teams – early days but Ian's team has won 2 out of 2 by beating Jane's team in their first match so her team have only won one of their fixtures.

JOINT VENTURE WITH YHBC – BLUE POINT SWISS PAIRS

Camberley are teaming up with YHBC to organise a Swiss Pairs event on May Day 2017.

We are aiming this at club players who want to have fun in a competitive environment and have the chance to win some higher-level points (one blue point is worth 1/3 of a Green Point – these are needed to advance the ranks!)

The venue is at the Memorial Hall, Blackwater.

There are fliers at both clubs and on both websites, we do hope you will all try and support this event as all profits will go to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Most of you here will know that Beryl was a formidable bridge player. Wherever she played she was a winner.. In the days when most players used the Basic Acol system of bidding, she was the best Acol player in the area. Not surprisingly, this was recognised by the County selectors and several times they chose her to be a member of the Surrey team which competed in the Metropolitan League – a rare honour for players from our local clubs.

After Jim died, bridge became Beryl's life. She had already made a big impact on Camberley Bridge Club, which played only rubber bridge when she arrived. In those days they played in private houses and in a shed behind a local pub. Bobbi Turnbull was a member then, as were Alma Mann, John Warren, Barbara Warner, Andy Lewis, Nicky Croft and Jo Marchant and her mother. Bobbi tells me that Beryl was always good for a laugh and helpful to inexperienced players. Gwen and Mike Griffin were among the players she taught. But it was Beryl's proud boast that she soon had the Club playing duplicate bridge. When I retired in 1991, having played all my duplicate bridge in the London leagues, I joined the Club and was fortunate enough to be taken under Beryl's wing. We played together every Thursday for 22 years. But there was one exception. She already had a partner for the Club Championship – 10 sessions each year. Beryl won the club championship with Jim and with Mary Orr and later won it nearly every year with Marie Thomson. But she had many other successes. As recently as 2012, when she was 91 and with severely failing eyesight, the Club members were delighted when she and I won the Members Plate.

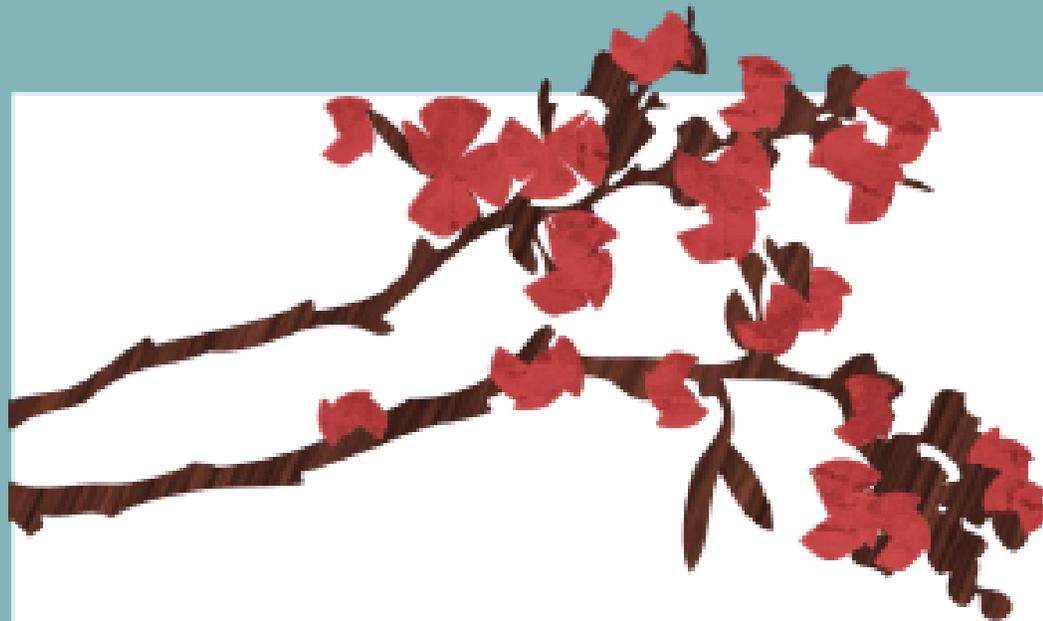
Beryl was a highly ranked player when she came here and joined all the clubs in the area. On Mondays and Tuesdays she played at Crowthorne, Wednesdays and Fridays at Yateley. When Camberley later played on Mondays as well as Thursdays, she played every week on Mondays with John Warren. She also found time to play in Marie-Helene Taylor's team in the teams of 8 at Mytchett and she went for occasional weekends away. I know that she went with Beryl Bartholemew and Patricia and David Pinder to earn coveted Green Points at weekend Congresses. And she loved her annual trips to Torquay with John Warren and Marie and Hugh Thomson, staying with two former members of Camberley. She always came home from Torquay with gift voucher prizes.

But it is probably at Yateley that Beryl will be best remembered. She was proud to be chosen as President of the club. And a trophy was named in her honour. She captained Yateley's successful team in the Bracknell league. Over the years her team-mates included John Warren, Colin Bailey, David Steele, the Thomsons, the Jewell brothers, Robin Duncan and myself. On club nights Beryl had many good results with Ross Lenman and Rod Barber. Alan Brown tells me that she would offer to play with new partners, and that, in fact, she often won the Rose Bowl – the trophy awarded to the player with the best results with several partners. Val Foster tells me that Beryl was very helpful with friendly advice when she and Keith were learning. In turn Beryl was very grateful to Val and Keith when they looked after her when she was first taken ill at the club. And to Val Cooper, who kindly did Beryl's shopping for several weeks afterwards. When she could no longer drive, Owen Lunt and Sandra Byers kindly chauffeured her and partnered her. Her eyes finally let her down. We both went to Specsavers, and the boss there, Lateef Iqbal, always asked me how Beryl was getting on. She was a favourite of his for many years.

Beryl liked bridge players to be dressed smartly. She set a good example and many times I heard her encourage others with compliments like, "That's a pretty shade of blue, Margaret". And she was a generous hostess. David Pinder tells me that, when she was at Iberian Way, she gave splendid dinner parties to her circle of bridge friends. And she enjoyed putting on her finery for Heidi and Max Baumann's charity bridge afternoons in their lovely house in the sticks, when even the men tried harder than usual to smarten up! Her nickname was "The Duchess". That is how I will like to remember her.

Many thanks for reading and happy Bridging ! A few flyers that may be of interest follow this newsletter.

Geoff and the CBC Committee



YATELEY & HAWLEY AND
CAMBERLEY BRIDGE CLUB
MAY DAY BLUE POINT PAIRS
6 * 6 BOARD MATCHES

Prizes awarded to the top 3 places

May 1st 2017 1pm to 6:30pm

YATELEY & HAWLEY BRIDGE CLUB

HAWLEY MEMORIAL HALL, BLACKWATER, CAMBERLEY, SURREY, GU17 9BW

GARY CONRAD DIRECTING

Complimentary Tea, Coffee, Juice and Biscuits available

Cost £20 per pair with any profits going to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Booking via Calendar on either Club's website:

www.bridgewebs.com/camberley or www.yhbc.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JANE OR BARBARA :

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Bridge Masterclass

with Andrew Robson OBE
The Times Bridge Correspondent
St. John's Church Centre
Hartley Wintney RG27 8ED

All proceeds are in aid of Animal Asia's campaign to end bear bile farming and to promote the welfare of animals via the Surrey & Hampshire Borders Animals Asia Support Group

Thursday 2nd March 2017 10am to 3:30/4pm

Doors open 9:45am. Tutorials: from 10:30 am until 3:30/4pm

Cost £46 each or £184 per table including lunch

Call Kay Roudaut 01252 793811/07789 117235 or email kay.roudaut@btopenworld.com
or Gary Baxter 01252 616064/07800 555863 or email g8.baxter@gmail.com

There will be a super raffle

Bridge Masterclass Ticket Application

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and enclose a stamped addressed envelope to:
35 Beacon Close, Farnham Surrey GU10 4PA

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel No. _____

Email Address _____

Please reserve ___ place/s at £46 each Please reserve ___ table/s at £184 per table

Please confirm that you can bring your own table YES/NO

I enclose a cheque made payable to "SHB Animals Asia" £ _____

I should like to make a separate donation of £ _____

Please register any donations from me for "Gift Aid" YES/NO

Can we contact you regarding similar events YES/NO

Website: animalsasia.org

Animals Asia Reg No: 1086903

**Kent Contract
Bridge Association**

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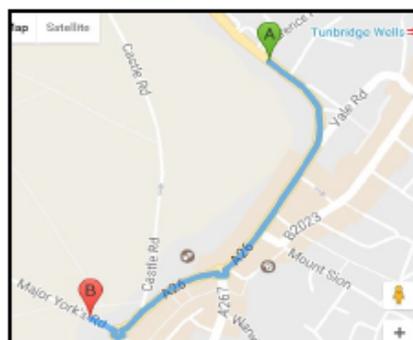
**GREEN POINTED
SWISS PAIRS**

at Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club
40 London Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1DL

Sunday 5th March 2017 at 11.00am

Chief TD: Nicole Cook

- Entry fee per player £24 (£48 per pair)
- 7 x 7 board matches
- Level 4 agreements permitted
- Prizes and Green Points to EBU scale
- There will be a break after match 4 of one hour
- The bar will be open throughout the event
- No food available onsite, players may bring their own
- MPs will be direct credited, EBU numbers are essential
- All players must be members of the EBU



There is limited free parking at the club.

Major York's Road Car Park (B) is 0.4 miles from the club (A) and has all day parking at £4.80

www.rcpparking.com

All players must expect to be present 10 minutes before the official start time. It is their obligation to contact the organiser on 07947 704015 by 10.45 if they are unexpectedly delayed.

**KCBA Swiss Pairs
Sunday 5th March 2017 at 11am**

Name: _____ EBU no: _____

Partner: _____ EBU no: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Entry Fee: **£24 per player / £48 per pair** Payment by **cheque** (payable to KCBA)

Payment by **online transfer** to: RBS (Maidstone) Account: KCBA
Sort code: 16-24-64 A/c no: 11816132
Please add reference: SP + your name
Amount sent £ _____ on _____

Entries may also be made online at www.kcba.org.uk

Entries to: KCBA, 458 Hurst Road Bexley Kent DA5 3JR
Tel: 01322 529151 / 07876 252519 monicaaitken@btinternet.com



Bridge

**BLUE POINTED OPEN
SWISS PAIRS**

At the Bourne Club – Farnham

Sunday 26th MARCH 2017 – 1p.m. for 1.30p.m.

[Click Here for full details and Entry form](#)

BOURNE CLUB